

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Counsel for Assignees received the Examiner's action mailed July 5, 2005. In that rejection all claims were rejected under 35 USC §103 as unpatentable over *Ishimura* (US Publication 2001/0023484) in combination with another reference, or under *Ishimura* in combination with *Kawamoto* (US Publication 2001/0023487).

This rejection is respectfully traversed. The application now under examination was filed in the US on December 10, 2001, and claims priority from an original application filed in Japan on February 16, 2001. A copy of the priority document has been previously submitted. With this response counsel also submits a sworn translation of the priority document.

Each *Ishimura* and *Kawamoto* references were each filed in the US in March of 2001, about a month after Applicants' application herein. Each of *Ishimura* and *Kawamoto* would have been published in Japan, based upon their priority dates there, in about September, 2001.

Pursuant to the provisions of MPEP, §201.15, counsel believes that the sworn translation of the Japanese application which corresponds to this pending US application and to date the *Ishimura* and *Kawamoto* references. Because at least one of *Ishimura* and *Kawamoto* was used to reject all claims, counsel believes that the submission herein will overcome the rejection.

Should the Examiner have questions and required additional information, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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